

J. C. Black to Governor John P. St. John

This brief letter was written by J. C. Black, a former slave from Paris, Tennessee. According to Black, his white neighbors were saying that black refugees in Kansas were starving and out of work. Black wanted to know if this was true before he moved to Kansas. He asked for a speedy response. In addition to his service as Governor, St. John also served on the Board of Directors of the Kansas Freedmen's Relief Association.

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Paris Henry Co
Tennessee
April the 28 1881
Governor St John
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Whether this talk is
 for C. S. & Bin
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 that there is no public
 in the state that can
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 returned from a trip
 from miss and gea and
 Alabama White &
 will remain here 10
 or 11 days you be please
 to furnish me with some
 Relibel im per mation
 of Kansas



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From J. C. Black

Place Paris Tenn

Date 4. 28. 1881

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if you can
please oblige with
your Earliest convenience
Paris Tenn
post office ckd dress
Box 61 Chiles
soon. J C Black
Emigration Franklin
Agent